NEWSLETTER - JULY 2026

GOLD $4,048.90 SILVER $60.48 ₿ BITCOIN $58,343

Last Month: GOLD $4,502.70 SILVER $75.21 ₿ BITCOIN $71,460

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NO MEETING IN JULY

The Olympia Coin Club will not be meeting in July. Enjoy your summer, and we'll see you at the August picnic.

UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

JULY 18
Greater Tacoma Coin Show
Holiday Inn Express, I-5 and Bridgeport Way, Tacoma, WA
David F. Schmidt
253-209-0128

JULY 25
8 AM-noon
Northwest Token & Medal Society (NWTAMS) Annual Summer Show
Olympia Center Room 103-222 (2nd Floor), Columbia St NW, Olympia, WA
Don Duncan ballardbc1@aol.com

Oliver Brock
Club President

A WORD FROM PRESIDENT OLIVER BROCK

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Precious metals prices are still bouncing round these days to lower side. Will they settle by November. Your guess is as good as any. For the club July is the quiet month with no meeting. Please reach out to the Rick Schulz for the PNNA fair booth sign up. Thanks to those that help at the Duck Dash booth. August will be the club picnic and new board members appointed at Squaxin Park at 6pm. The club will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a side dish or desert. We will be play bingo and give away prizes to the winners.

Oliver

Olympia Coin Club
Meeting Minutes - June 4, 2026

Oliver opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. There were 45 in attendance. Oliver introduced guest: Hazen Lewis.

Treasurer's Report

Terri reported that as of the end of May, the Club had $7,269.77 on hand.

Board Meeting

The Board met on May 28. The Board recommended the Y/N Store be moved to an adjacent room during regular meetings to reduce the noise from the youth. This was accomplished at this June meeting. A Plinko Board has been purchased and will be in action at the Sat, June 6, Duck Dash. Thanks to Jay for making prize labels and purchasing a waterproof cover.

Lacey Fun Fair

Thanks to the volunteers that maned the booth at the Fair. It appeared that everyone had a good time.

State Fair

The State Fair is coming up in Sept. Rick is seeking volunteers to man the PNNA Booth at the Fair. Free admission and parking if you volunteer.

Election of Officers

The annual election of officers was held and the results for the years 2026-2027 are:

President – Oliver Brock
Vice President – Jay DeBoer
Secretary – Rich Green
Board Members – Ken Failkowski, Sean Peterson and Y/N, Rudy Kennedy
We are still seeking a Treasurer.

Bid Boards

Three Bid Boards were completed and the winners were as follows:

1893 Columbian Half Dollar Commemorative – Sean Peterson
1953 Washington Quarter – Jerry Bruce
1881 Morgan Dollar – Jordan Kennedy

Red Ticket Drawing Winners

1999 Kennedy Half Dollar – Sarah Backman
2001 Kennedy Half Dollar – Rudy Kennedy
2013 Kennedy Half Dollar – Jordan Kennedy

Y/N Drawing

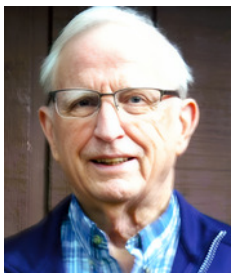
Mt. Rushmore Commemorative Half Dollar – Sally Kochaniewicz

Membership Prize

Liberia 10 Dollar Coin – Jay DeBoer.

Following the regular monthly auction, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Rich Green, Secretary



Richard Green
Club Secretary

Next OCC Board Meeting
Sept 24th at 6pm
Rivers Edge - Tumwater

Young Numismatists Store Seeks Donations

One of the highlights of our club is the **Young Numismatists (YN) Store**, a fun and educational way to help young collectors grow their interest in the hobby. Each YN receives a punch card worth $5 to spend at the store, letting them choose coins, currency, and collecting supplies that spark their curiosity.

Thanks to the wonderful growth we've seen in our YN program, the store has been very active — which means our inventory is running low. We're reaching out to members for donations to help keep the store stocked and exciting for our young collectors.

Do you have a few **coins** sitting in a box that you haven't looked at in years? A handful of **notes or world currency** you don't really collect? Maybe some **collecting supplies** or numismatic odds and ends you no longer need?

Consider donating them to the OCC Young Numismatists Store. Even small items make a big difference — the kids absolutely love browsing and picking out treasures, and your contributions help fuel their enthusiasm for the hobby. Cash donations are also welcome and can be used to purchase coins from the club's auction.

If you have a donation, you can bring it to the next meeting or contact **Oliver Brock, Jordan Kennedy or Rudy Kennedy** to arrange drop-off. Your generosity helps inspire the next generation of collectors, and we appreciate it more than you know.

COMING FROM THE US MINT

Jul 9

COMING SOON LIMITED

Morgan Silver Dollar 2026 Reverse Proof Coin

MORGAN AND PEACE SILVER DOLLARS

PHILADELPHIA (P)

26XF

Jul 9

COMING SOON LIMITED

Peace Silver Dollar 2026 Reverse Proof Coin

MORGAN AND PEACE SILVER DOLLARS

PHILADELPHIA (P)

26XL

Jul 10

COMING SOON LIMITED

Best of the Mint 1916 Standing Liberty Quarter Dollar Gold Coin and Silver Medal Set

SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL COINS AND MEDALS

MULTI (P)(W)

26BM2

Jul 15

COMING SOON

Calvin Coolidge Presidential Silver Medal

S830

Jul 21

COMING SOON LIMITED

American Eagle 2026 One Ounce Silver Enhanced Uncirculated Coin

AMERICAN EAGLE COINS

WEST POINT (W)

26EG

Jul 28

COMING SOON LIMITED

American Innovation $1 Coin 2026 Rolls and Bags - Minnesota

AMERICAN INNOVATION® $1 COIN PROGRAM

MULTI (D)(P)

26GRH 26GRD 26GBH 26GBD

For more information and releases visit USMint.gov

Plinko Board Replaces The OCC Prize Wheel

The OCC has used a Spinning Prize Wheel for its prize giveaways at events like the Lacey Fun Fair and the Duck Dask. Kids spin the wheel and win the prize in the slot it lands on.

The wheel was built by Gary Yukas and is very well buit of solid wood. It also has a wheeled wooden case for transport and to hold the wheel when it's not in use. Unfortunately because of its stout design it is quite heavy. Kevin has been getting the wheel out of storage by himself and bringing it to the events where he then has help of unloading and re-loading it. But lets face it, we're not getting any younger. I helped Kevin load the wheel and its box into the back of his truck and it took some effort so I knew it was probably time to retire an old friend (the wheel, not Kevin).

The wheel is really nice and would be perfect for another club or organization for their prize giveaways.

While at the Lacey Fun Fair I wandered around and checked out the other booths in the pavilion and saw a few using small Plinko boards for their prize give away and thought that would be the perfect solution. I brought the idea up at the OCC Board meeting and everyone was receptive to the idea and it was decided we would order one. Terri ordered the new Plinko Board and when it arrived Terri handed it off to me so a banner could be created and the custom prize cards could be made to fit with the prizes we were giving away. Kevin supplied me with a list of prizes so I could create the custom prize cards.

The next event coming up was the Duck Dash where it would be tested out. Rain was in the forecast for that day so I ordered a waterproof case for the Plinko board. The case holds the Plinko board in its original box along with all the accessories such as the cards, pucks, stands and still has some room in a couple of pockets.

Stop by the next OCC community event and give the Plinko board a test run.

A special thank you to Gary Yukas for the amazing prize wheel that has put many a smile on kids faces across the years.

Rain or Shine: Club Promotes Numismatics at the Lacey Duck Dash - The OCC Booth

On Saturday, June 6th, the Lacey Rotary Duck Dash took over the Thurston County Fairgrounds from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. In keeping with tradition, the Olympia Coin Club set up a booth outside in the kids' activity area, where we debuted our brand-new Plinko game! It was a huge hit with the younger crowd, who walked away with a variety of fun prizes. Meanwhile, Oliver did a fantastic job manning our indoor booth inside the main vendor area.

The Pacific Northwest weather was a bit questionable, bringing sporadic rain showers throughout the day. The damp conditions seemed to impact overall attendance compared to the larger crowds of previous, sunnier years—even causing a few participants in the concurrent car show to pack up and roll out early.

Despite the drizzle, the day was an absolute success. We successfully promoted the club to numerous local families and handed out coins and currency to spark a new generation's interest in numismatics. A huge thank you to the club volunteers who stopped by to help run things—your assistance made it all possible! If you weren't able to volunteer with us this year, please keep our upcoming community events in mind for next year. They are always a lot of fun, and it’s a fantastic opportunity to meet great people and hear some really neat stories.

The day began with the early morning gathering of vehicles for the Lacey Rotary Duck Dash Car Show. There were plenty of anxious eyes turning toward the sky, and the chatter was dominated by the morning weather report forecasting a high probability of rainfall. Despite the looming clouds, owners were busy putting the finishing touches on their freshly cleaned cars, mingling with fellow enthusiasts, and sharing stories before the first drops started to fall.

Rain or Shine: Club Promotes Numismatics at the Lacey Duck Dash - The OCC Booth

Jordan and Rudy joined us in the morning.

Cyndy joined us in the afternoon.

The Duck was out and about before the rain.

One of the passing rain showers.

Things got a bit wet but at least the ducks were happy.

From the Mint: The Great 2026 Quarter Hunt is On!

If you needed another reason to meticulously check your pocket change, the United States Mint just gave us 250,000 of them.

On June 23, the Mint officially announced a surprise addition to the Semiquincentennial celebrations: a limited-edition run of the 2026 Declaration of Independence Quarter featuring a special "July 4th" privy mark.

To mark America's 250th anniversary, only 250,000 of these unique coins will be produced. In a move that mirrors the excitement of the 2019 and 2020 "W" mint mark quarters, these privy-marked coins will bear no mint mark and are being mixed randomly into standard circulation shipments to banks and financial institutions nationwide. They are scheduled to hit the wild just in time for Independence Day.

Mint Director Paul Hollis noted the historic weight of the release, stating, "This is more than a coin; it's a defining moment in our nation's story. We hope Americans enjoy the search for these iconic quarters as they're meant to be shared, saved, and remembered as part of this historic anniversary."

For numismatists, this creates an instant modern rarity and a fantastic opportunity for public outreach. Because these are being funneled directly into everyday commerce rather than sold in standard proof sets, the hunt is open to everyone from seasoned club members to kids breaking open their first piggy banks.

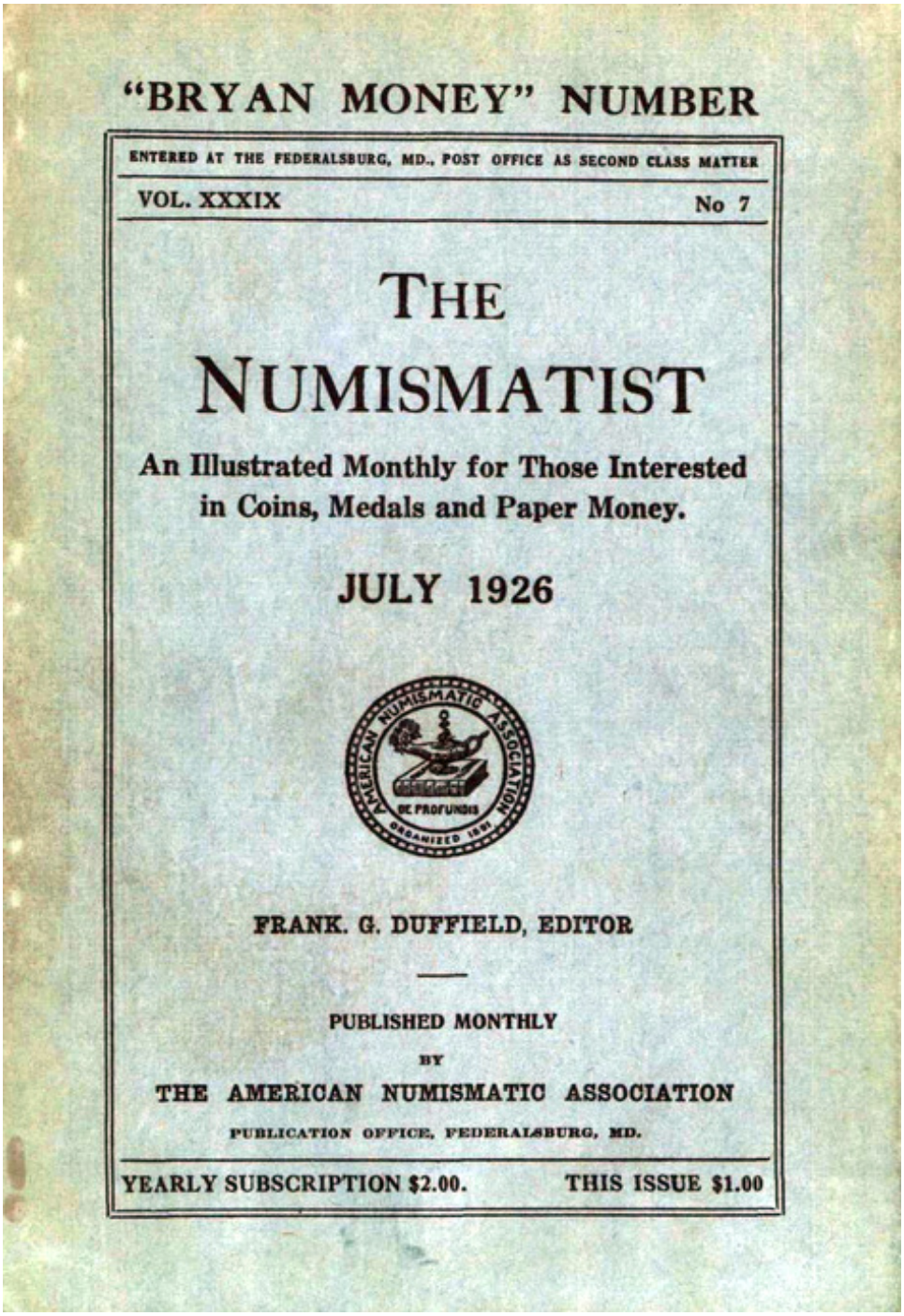
Keep your eyes peeled, check your change at the grocery store, and let us know at the next meeting if you manage to snag one of these piece-of-history quarters before they disappear into private collections!

100 Years Ago in Coins: A Look Back Through The Numismatist

Looking Back 100 Years: The Numismatist, July 1926

I'm trying something a little different this issue for our look back at numismatic history from a century ago. By clicking The Numismatist cover image below, you will be taken directly to a full digital copy of the original July 1926 issue.

This historic edition is almost exclusively dedicated to a massive, definitive feature article: "Bryan Money" Tokens of the Presidential Campaigns of 1896 and 1900—Comparative and Satirical. For members interested in trade tokens, political exonumia, and comparative pieces, this issue is an absolute goldmine. Clicking the cover image is the best way to view and read the entire 1926 publication just as it appeared 100 years ago. Happy reading!



From Turmoil to Type Coins: The Civil War Roots of "In God We Trust"

A special thank you to Dennis Reed for suggesting this story for the newsletter. He found a similar story in The American Legion magazine and thought it would be a good article for the newsletter.

National crises have a way of leaving a permanent mark on a country's currency, and the American Civil War was no exception. For numismatists, the wartime era represents one of the most fascinating transitional periods in U.S. Mint history—most notably marked by the birth of the motto "**IN GOD WE TRUST.**"

A Clergyman's Plea

Prior to the 1860s, United States coins carried imagery of Liberty and heraldic eagles, but no religious mottos. That changed in November 1861, just months after the roaring fires of the Civil War began to tear the nation apart.

A central Pennsylvania minister named U.R. Watkinson wrote a heartfelt letter to Secretary of the Treasury Salmon P. Chase. Watkinson argued that if the Union were to be completely shattered, a future generation looking at our coins might assume the United States had been a heathen nation. He urged Chase to recognize the divine on our currency, stating it would "place us openly under the divine protection."

Chase agreed wholeheartedly. He tasked Mint Director James Pollock with coming up with a suitable phrase, declaring in an official directive: "No nation can be strong except in the strength of God, or safe except in His defense. The trust of our people in God should be declared on our national coins."

From the Two-Cent Piece to Gold

Before the motto could be placed on any coin, an Act of Congress was required to alter the existing coinage legislation. The very first coin to feature the newly approved motto was the 1864 Two-Cent piece, struck in copper-bronze.

As the war concluded, Congress expanded the use of the motto with the Act of March 3, 1865. This legislation allowed the Mint Director, with the Secretary's approval, to place the motto on all gold and silver coins that "shall admit the inscription thereon."

In 1866, Chief Engraver James B. Longacre began modifying the dies for America's major silver and gold denominations. On the classic $5 Coronet Liberty Half Eagle (originally designed by Christian Gobrecht), Longacre added a graceful, floating scroll bearing the motto directly above the eagle's head on the reverse.

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The Collector's Hunt: "No Motto" vs. "With Motto"

For members of the Olympia Coin Club, this historical pivot point creates an incredible collecting opportunity. The mid-1860s offers a variety of striking transitional pairs:

- The 1866 Transitions: In 1866, the Mint produced both the older style and the revised style for certain denominations. Finding a "No Motto" coin versus a "With Motto" coin from this era highlights the exact moment our monetary history changed.
- The Half Eagle Run: The $5 gold piece enjoyed nearly continuous production from 1795 to 1929. The Coronet Liberty design spans both eras seamlessly, giving collectors a vivid, side-by-side look at how a simple scroll change transformed the visual balance of the reverse design.

Whether you collect Civil War-era copper, Seated Liberty silver, or classic U.S. gold, the presence of the motto serves as a tangible reminder of a time when the nation sought unity and identity through the very pocket change it circulated.

1907 St. Gaudens $20 Gold piece without "In God We Trust"

1913 D St. Gaudens $20 Gold piece with "In God We Trust" motto

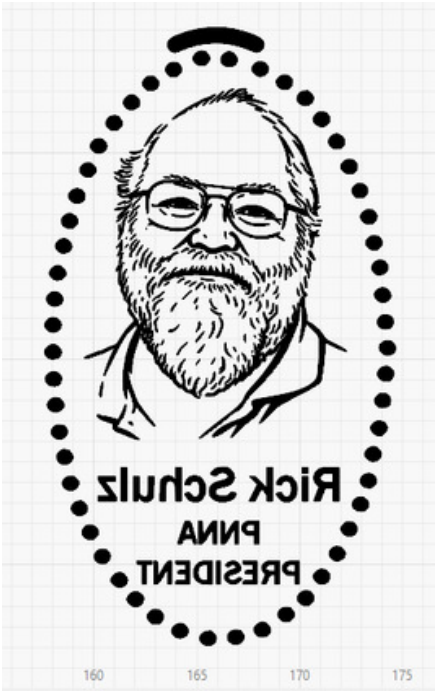
My Quest For A Personalized Elongated Coin by Jay DeBoer

My first real introduction to elongated coins—beyond the ones I bought from vending machines as a kid—was at the Washington State Fair. Rick Schulz had the "penny squisher" set up there, and while volunteering in the booth, I had the chance to run the machine myself and press a few cents.

The next spark came at the Lacey Fun Fair. Rick was there with the machine again, and we ended up talking about the dies used to create the designs. That conversation is what really started my quest. A die is simply an engraved, mirror-image version of the artwork you want on the coin. The magic happens when the cent is pulled through the rollers—one of which acts as the die (or sometimes both, for double-sided designs).

I remember thinking how great it would be to have my own custom elongated coin. Then, I looked into the machinery. A manual hand-crank model like the one used by the PNNA runs about $2,500. The fancier electric models found at roadside attractions can cost anywhere from $6,000 to over $10,000. That's a steep price tag just to make a personalized elongated cent.

Older cents work best for elongated coins: U.S. cents minted **before 1982** are mostly copper, containing **95% copper** and 5% zinc or tin. In contrast, cents made from mid-1982 onward consist of 97.5% zinc with only a thin 2.5% copper plating.



So the quest began. I set out to create my own elongated coin, starting with a design to experiment with. Since Rick is the one who sparked this whole adventure, I decided he should be the subject of my first test piece.

I created the artwork in Photoshop, and from there, it gets transferred onto the steel die for engraving. Crucially, the image has to be reversed so it engraves as a proper mirror image on the die—an essential step for producing a clean, readable elongated coin.

My Quest For A Personalized Elongated Coin - continued

At the time, the only material I had on hand was a set of nickel blanks. Nickel isn't the hardest metal, but it was what I had, and I was eager to try. I engraved the design into the nickel, and for a first attempt, it actually came out pretty well.

I ran the die through the compression process (more on that later), and the result did look like an elongated coin… except for one small issue: I spelled Rick's name wrong. Since it was only a test, I'll just claim that as a natural part of the learning curve.

Next, I ordered some steel and waited for it to arrive. When it showed up the following day, I engraved the same design into the steel and ran another test. The steel die performed much better, but the raw material had surface imperfections that transferred onto the coin, giving it a faint wood-grain texture. For the subsequent attempt, I polished the steel thoroughly before engraving, which produced a much cleaner result.

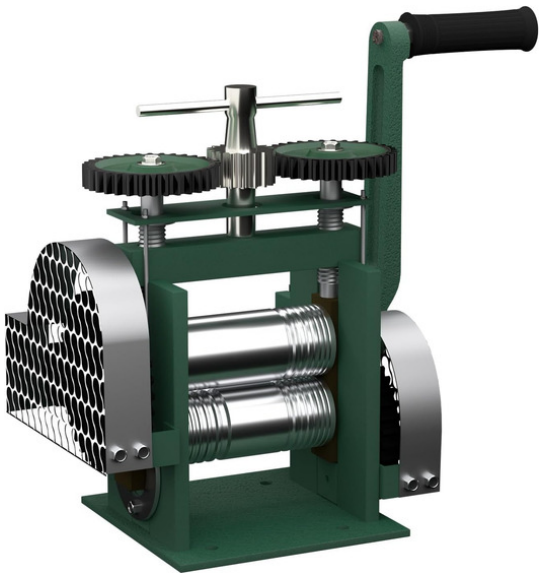
The actual "squishing" process took some experimenting as well. I used a manual rolling mill to run the cent and the die through together, adjusting the position, tension, and feed technique until I found the sweet spot. In the end, it produced a surprisingly good, homemade elongated coin.

The process is a bit tedious, but when you compare the staggering cost of a commercial machine to the time put into making your own, I think it was well worth the effort—and a whole lot of fun.

Nickel material test die

The final product

The steel test die

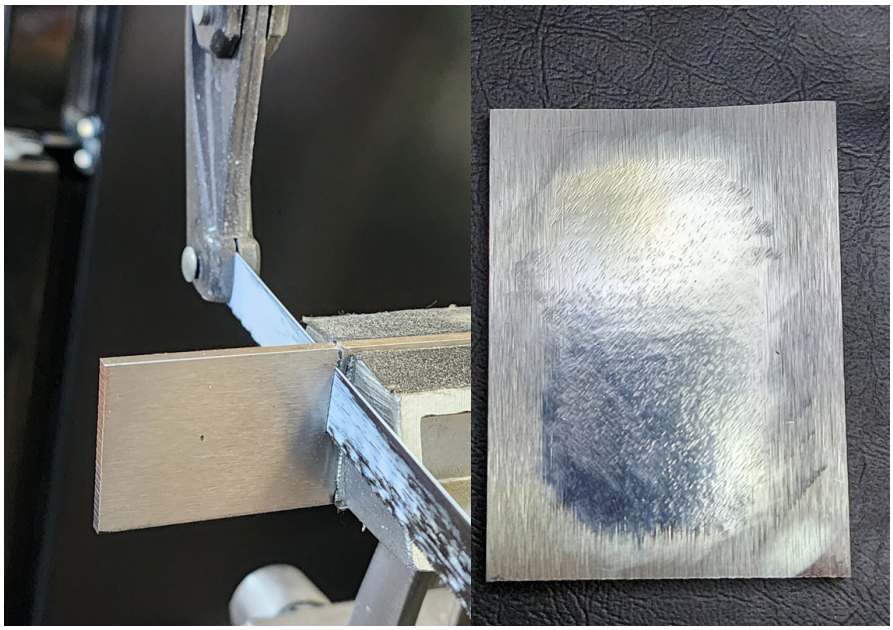


The manual rolling mill

My Quest For A Personalized Elongated Coin - The Process

The first step in the process is to cut the steel flat bar to size using a hacksaw. Once it is cut, file the edges down to remove any sharp burrs. Next, polish the steel flat bar thoroughly to remove the "manufacturing grain" and give the die a perfectly smooth surface for the copper cent.

Now the die is ready to receive the engraving. There are plenty of ways to engrave steel, so simply pick your favorite method—whether that is hand engraving, laser engraving, CNC milling, rotary engraving, pneumatic engraving, or chemical etching.



The final step to all of this is to match a copper cent to your die and run them through the rolling mill to transfer your design onto the coin.

Pro Tip: Once your graphic is completely designed, do not forget to flip or "mirror" the image before you begin engraving. Remember, the die must be a perfect mirror image of what you are actually pressing. If you skip this step, you're going to waste a massive amount of time on a useless piece of steel. Don't ask me how I know this... It sounds obvious, but it is really easy to forget to mirror your image... oh, and double check your spelling too.

Recently Sold on eBay

1907 $20 Philadelphia GEM St Gaudens Double Eagle Gold Coin PCGS MS65+ (No In God We Trust) - Sold for: $7,995

1928 (MS67) St. Gauden's Gold Double Eagle $20 NGC (With In God We Trust) - Sold for: $11,750

Olympia, Washington WA Harry Fulton Maverick Grocery Tavern Trade Token - Sold for: $12

Aberdeen Washington Colonial Cigar Store Pete Wilson GF 20 Cents In Trade Token - Sold for $5.44

1935 A $1 Silver Certificate Brown Seal Hawaii Emergency CRISP HIGHER GRADE NOTE - Sold for $158.88

Series 691 $1 Military Payment Certificate - PCGS 67 PPQ - Sold for $325

2026-2026 Elected Officers

President	Oliver Brock
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Secretary	Richard Green

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Bourse Chair & Auctioneer	Kevin Charboneau
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Auction Videographer	Rudy Kennedy
Club Baker	Mike Zagorin

Board Members

Position 1	Todd Hughes
Position 2	Jordan Kennedy
Position 3	Dale Gerard
Position 4	Ken Fialkowski
YN Board Member	Rudy Kennedy

Appointed Positions

Newsletter Editor	Jay DeBoer

Regular Monthly Meeting

Regular monthly meetings are held at:
Virgil S. Clarkson Senior Center
(next to the Lacey Community Center)
6757 Pacific Ave SE
Lacey, WA 98503
7:00PM on the first Thursday of the month.
Doors open at 6:00PM
No July meeting - August is the Club Picnic
December is the Club Holiday Party

Board Meeting

Board Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of odd numbered months at 6:00PM .
River's Edge Restaurant
4611 Tumwater Valley Dr SE
Tumwater, WA 98501
Board meetings are open to everyone

Olympia Coin Club

Established January 1958 - Olympia, Washington

Membership

Membership runs from January 1st through December 31st.
Annual-dues are $15 for Regular and Family memberships
Junior membership (under 18) is $3

Our Commitment to Numismatics

- **Promote numismatics** – Foster a deep appreciation for coins, currency, and related collectibles, encouraging study, preservation, and historical exploration.
- **Cultivate fellowship among numismatists** – Build a welcoming community where collectors can connect, share knowledge, and enjoy mutual interests.
- **Encourage and assist collectors** – Support collectors at all levels by providing resources, guidance, and opportunities to expand their collections.
- **Provide an opportunity to buy, sell, or trade coins** – Create a marketplace where enthusiasts can engage in fair and informed transactions.
- **Engage and inspire young numismatists** – Spark interest in coin collecting among younger generations through mentorship, educational programs, and hands-on activities, ensuring the future of the hobby.

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Jay DeBoer - JayHobo.com

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Consider including the Olympia Coin Club in your estate plans. Whether it's coins, tokens, supplies, or a monetary donation, your gift can help preserve our shared love of history and collecting for future generations. A legacy donation ensures your passion lives on — inspiring, educating, and connecting fellow enthusiasts for years to come. To learn more about how you can make a lasting impact, speak with a club officer.

Join the fight to repeal the Precious Metals Tax
Visit: https://washingtoncoinandbullionassoc.org/

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